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DEPARTMENT PASS MOSCOW

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: MNUC, SF
SUBJ: MINISTER BACKTRACKS ON STATEMENT ON NUCLEAR ISSUE

REF: PRETORIA 4492

1. MINISTER OF FINANCE, SENATOR OWEN NORWOOD, WHEN
APPROACHED BY PRESS AFTER RELEASE OF BOTHA STATEMENT
(SEE REFTEL), CLAIMED THAT PRESS ITEMS HAD
MISINTERPRETED HIS STATEMENT ON USE OF NUCLEAR POWER
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BY SOUTH AFRICA. HE SAID AT NO TIME DID HE ADVOCATE

THAT SOUTH AFRICA USE ITS NUCLEAR POTENTIAL FOR
AGGRESSIVE PURPOSES. HIS STATEMENT ON AUGUST 30
WAS MADE WITH INTENTION " TO DEMONSTRATE MY

OBJECTIONS TO OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN OUR AFFAIRS,
AND I VIEW THIS AS AN EXAMPLE, HAVING FIRST REFERRED
SPECIFICALLY TO THE UNDERTAKING WHICH WAS GIVEN THAT
WE WERE USING OUR NUCLEAR POWER DEVELOPMENT FOR
PEACEFUL PURPOSES AND THAT WE STAND BY THAT."

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION BY PRESS, HORWOOD
CONFIRMED THAT BOTHA HAD CALLED HIM LAST NIGHT BUT
SAID THERE WAS NO CONTROVERSY BETWEEN THEM. BOTHA
HAD SEEN MISINTERPRETATION OF HIS STATEMENT IN PRESS
AND " PHONED ME TO CLARIFY EXACTLY WHAT I HAD SAID." BOWDLER

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED MOSCOW

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